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Supervisors Hold To \$1,000 Acre Price For J. C.

Although County Surveyor Alfred Jones submitted an appraisal of \$2,000 an acre for the 80 acres desired by the El Camino Junior College, District in Alondra Park, the report was received and filed by the board of supervisors without further action.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby said that while the appraisal doubtless represents the best opinions of the county's appraisal valuation experts, the supervisors had previously pledged themselves to a price of \$1,000 an acre for the new school campus.

There are considerations involved in the determining of the final purchase price per acre, Supervisor Darby said. One of these is the fact that taxpayers surrounding Alondra Park already have been assessed considerable sums of money for the purchase of Alondra Park under an assessment district.

The money thus paid in thru the assessment district should stand as a credit to the taxpayers of the Junior College District in shaving down the purchase price from \$2,000 to \$1,000 per acre, Supervisor Darby declared.

The southeasterly corner of Alondra Park is involved in the pending transaction and the belief was expressed by Supervisor Darby that all arrangements would be fully completed in time for the Junior college to take possession and eventual title to its new site before the opening of the new school term next fall.

Former Local Newsman Given High Honors

Honors to newspapermen are unusual in this world they try to reflect in daily print. Nationwide recognition of their services is usually, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Etsel Newton, 44, Marine Editor of the Long Beach Press-Telegram and maritime publicity advisor to the PORT O TRADE Exposition, scheduled for June 13-22 in Long Beach, was chosen by the Propeller Club of the United States for first award in news coverage of marine activities during 1946. Former resident of Welteria, he was on the Lomita News editorial staff for years. Except for a time in war service when he sailed on Liberty ships and tankers as a licensed seaman, Newton has been covering the waterfront for 11 years. He is widely known as the originator of "Fair Fleet," and as a radio commentator on marine activities.

The Propeller Club award carries a \$250.00 cash prize, and an all-expense trip to the October convention of the club and the Merchant Marine Conference in New York City. The award is the first of a series of annual competitions sponsored by the Propeller Club in the furtherance of public interest in maritime trades and their related importance to local, regional, national and foreign commerce.

California Junior Chamber Endorses Separation Of Harbor From L.A.

While waiting for Los Angeles City officials to take some affirmative action, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, of the 68th Assembly district, which includes Torrance and Lomita, Thursday circulated throughout the Lower House the official resolution of the California Junior Chamber of Commerce recommending passage of the so-called San Pedro "secession" bill.

The resolution, adopted by the State service organization last weekend, calls on the Legislature and the governor to recognize the "democratic privilege" of the people of San Pedro to decide for themselves whether they want to hold an election on secession from the city of Los Angeles.

The Junior Chamber held that "the basic principles of democratic government dictate that matters affecting the people should be determined by the people." The resolution said, "dictates that people residing within specified areas should be given the right to determine for themselves matters which uniquely affect those areas."

Self-government by people of San Pedro "would not affect any vested rights of persons residing out of San Pedro," the resolution said.

The resolution calls on the Legislature to pass Thomas' bill. The Assembly once passed the bill, then reconsidered its action. By agreement, the bill is being held in abeyance pending action by the Los Angeles city authorities on a legislative resolution calling on them to abide by their 1909 annexation agreement with San Pedro and to provide necessary civic services.

If there is no affirmative action on the part of the Los Angeles authorities, Thomas warned, the bill authorizing a "secession" election will be withdrawn from the inactive file and submitted for passage through the Legislature.

Roadside Fire Warning Issued By State Chief

"Watch your cigarette and cigar butts," was the warning issued today to motorists by E. Raymond Cato, chief of the California Highway Patrol on the heels of a report by the Forestry Department that the state is facing the most serious rural fire hazard since 1924.

Special orders have been issued to the Patrol to enforce the law regarding throwing burning cigarette or cigar butts or burning embers from vehicles, Cato said. Particular attention is being paid to grain areas and grazing land where the vegetation is especially dry, he added.

"Public support can help a lot," Cato said. "If we can enlist every motorist in a campaign to reduce rural fires it will mean a tremendous economic saving to the state. Step on your smokes and see that they are put into ash trays and not thrown on the ground."

ATLANTIC, GULF PICNIC
South Atlantic and Gulf states will hold their annual summer picnic Saturday, June 7, 1947, in Sycamore Grove, Los Angeles. Included are states of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Welfare Center Planners Dinner To Be Monday

District Planning Committee for the Welfare Centers will close its year's work with a dinner meeting in Willowbrook Junior high school next Monday evening (June 2) at 6:30 when progress reports will be made by leaders from the Torrance, Compton, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Bell, Wilmington and San Pedro centers for the Community Chest, Red Feather services.

Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, of Torrance, chairman of the committee, states that it will be a business meeting, but attendance is expected to be swelled by delegations from each of the centers concerned, in addition to appointed committee members. Representatives from public welfare agencies, coordinating councils and from Community Chest agencies serving in the area, will also be present.

Also representing Torrance as a member of the committee is Adolph Platky of Gardena.

Recruiting For South Bay CNG Company Starts

Recruiting for Company A, 578th Combat Engineers, California National Guard, assigned to the South Bay area, will start Thursday in the American Legion South Bay post No. 184 hall, 412 S. Camino Real, Redondo Beach.

This was announced by Lt. Col. Davis W. Campbell, of Manhattan Beach, commanding officer of the 578th Combat Engineers, and 40th Division, California National Guard, engineer.

Two regular army instructor-recruiters will be on duty each Thursday from 12 noon to 5 p. m. to interview candidates for enlistment. They are M/Sgt. G. Riley and M/Sgt. H. M. Cook. Those seeking information on enlistments at other hours may see the two recruiting sergeants at the State Armory in Torrance ball park daily or from 7 to 9 p. m. each Tuesday and Thursday evening.

1st Lt. Dudley P. Jones, of Manhattan Beach, has been assigned as recruiting officer of Company A, the first line company of the 578th.

Those accepted for enlistment will go on the payroll at once, privates drawing \$2.50 per drill period, with other grades receiving higher pay in proportion to grade.

The training will include combat tactics, many non-commissioned grades are open to technicians, mechanics, machinists, truck and tractor drivers, engineers, surveyors and others who have a general knowledge of construction of roads, bridges and buildings needed by the armed forces.

Recruiting is continuing for Headquarters and Services on detachments to be stationed in Torrance, it was announced.

Building Permits In Palos Verdes Reach \$284,075

Building permits issued from January 1 to May 6, 1947, totaled \$284,075 in Palos Verdes Estates. The largest portion of these were issued during April which piled up a \$146,100 record.

Individual permits to be issued recently include D. H. Radolff, garage, \$3,500; Earle L. Hendricks, residence, \$17,500; Ernest residence, \$10,500; R. N. Bodinus, residence, \$10,500; R. D. Hellweg, residence, \$14,500; D. McDowell, residence, \$11,000; Lee V. Carmichael, residence, \$11,000; Hugh F. Evans, residence, \$12,500; Frank H. Taylor, residence and garage, \$15,000.

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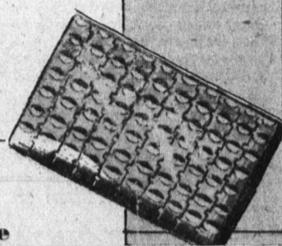
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